

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Livingston W8049 ¹ Mary Livingston f63NC/SC
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State of South Carolina Abbeville District }

On this twenty sixth day of October, 1832, personally appeared in open Court before Richard Gantt, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting for the said District of Abbeville, Henry Livingston, a resident of Abbeville District & State aforesaid aged seventy-one years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he entered the service as a militia man, & volunteer in the last year of the revolutionary war & a few months before the battle of Eutaw [sic, Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], in the Regiment of William Polks [sic, William Polk]. That he was stationed at Lands Ford on the Catawba River to watch the British when they crossed the River -- was there for some considerable time; -- That he then enlisted under General Thomas Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] State Troops, and Colonel William Hill's Regiment, & in Captain Giles [James Giles'] company; -- That he continued to serve in Captain Giles company, & was engaged in the battle at Brooms old field, below Columbia, against a Tory Captain by the name of Cunningham [probably William Cunningham known as "Bloody Bill" Cunningham], & his party; -- That he was in another battle at Dorchester near Charleston; was then sent in a detachment of Georgia, & was in another battle near Savannah, under Captain Mills [John Mills of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Hampton's Regiment of State Troops], when they fell in with General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. After the British were drove into Savannah, he was marched back into South Carolina & discharged.

That he was in the service as before stated between six & eight months; -- That he has no record of his age; -- was born in the County of Antrim, Ireland, is about seventy-one years old, & landed in America the first year of the war; -- was a short time in North Carolina, that he then came to South Carolina Abbeville District where he has continued to live ever since; --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State, or Agency of any State.

That he has no documentary evidence in his possession, nor does he now know of any person that could testify to his service.

¹ BLWt34924-160-55

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

In open court

S/ Henry Livingston

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Livingston". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below a horizontal line that spans the width of the signature.

S/ Jas. Wardlaw, Clk

[William H. Barr, a clergyman, and John Allen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District} On this twenty sixth day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before Henry W. DeSaussure, one of the Judges of the Court of Equity in the State aforesaid, the said Court then sitting for Abbeville district, Henry Livingston a resident of said district & State aforesaid aged seventy-one years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following supplementary declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed on 7 June 1832.

The declarant states that his service first commenced in the North Carolina militia as early as the 8th of July 1781. This period is put down, as the declarant is perfectly sure some time later than the actual commencement of his service, but as the decay of memory from the ravages of age renders it impossible for him to fix the precise day of the commencement of his service, he has taken care to be within the boundaries of truth. In this service he continued six weeks. After this, certainly as early as the 1st day of September 1781 he enlisted as a private soldier, in a company of cavalry commanded by Captain Giles in Colonel William Polk's Regiment & General Thomas Sumter's brigade of State troops. [Several words obliterated] enlistment he served & received pay for six months service. His first service above mentioned, in the militia, was under a Sergeant named Herron -- If any commissioned officer was with the detachment (at Lansford) he does not now recollect the fact. During the term of his enlistment, as aforesaid, he served first under Captain Giles of Colonel Polk's Regiment and last under a Captain Mills, in Sumter's brigade of State troops.

He declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service, having lost his discharge, and does not know where or how he could procure any. Neither is there any living witness that he knows of, by whom he could prove his service. To supply the defects of his answers to the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War department, he answers those objected to as follows --

To the 5th Interrogatory, he replies that the names, now recollected, of the officers under whom he served, are, Captain Giles, Captain Mills, Colonel William Polk, Colonel Hill, General Thomas Sumter & General Nathanael Greene.

To the 6th Interrogatory, he replies that he did receive a written discharge, which he has lost.

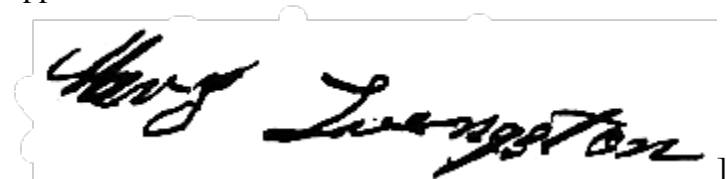
To the 7th Interrogatory, he replies by giving the names of the Honorable George McDuffie member of Congress, James Wardlaw Esquire, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville district, South Carolina, David Lesly, Commissioner in Equity for the same district, and Dr Eli S. Davis, at present in Washington City.

S/ Henry Livingston

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above mentioned, in open Court

S/ David Lesly, C.E.A. D.

[p 17: On May 3, 1855 in Abbeville District South Carolina Mrs. Mary Livingston, 79, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Henry Livingston a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that he died June 12, 1836 in Abbeville District South Carolina; that she married him in Edgefield District South Carolina in October 1798; that they were married by one Richard Tutt Esquire & clerk of the court of Edgefield District South Carolina; that she has no record view the private or public of her marriage in her possession; that her daughter Mrs. Jane L. Allen has a record of her birth and that she is the eldest child of applicant and her husband.

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"Jane L. Livingston was Born in September 26th 1799"

State of South Carolina Abbeville District: Personally appeared before me an acting Magistrate in and for said District Mrs. Jane L. Allen who being duly sworn according to law deposes that the Record of her birth as hereunto attached above was entered & written by her father the late Henry Livingston in the family Record in his lifetime and in the hand writing of her said father as she was acquainted with the same having often seen him write -- that said Record has been cut out of this Deponent's family Record & was written by her said father about the time of the birth of this deponent believes -- that her said father drew pension from the United States and died on the 12th day of June A.D. 1836 as appears by the entry made of the date of his death. That her mother the present Mrs. Mary Livingston has remained a widow ever since her husband's death above mentioned & is now a widow.

Sworn to and subscribed the 2nd day of July 1855 before me.

S/ Jno. G. Baskin, Magt.

S/ Jane L. Allen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane L. Allen". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. The name "Jane" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "L. Allen".

[Facts in file: widow's name prior to her marriage was Mary Fraser; widow died in Abbeville district South Carolina on December 2, 1856; in 1857, the only surviving children of Henry and Mary Livingston were Doctor John F. Livingston and Mrs. Jane L. Allen, both of Abbeville district South Carolina; JW Livingston, the son of Doctor John F. Livingston, resided in Abbeville district in 1857; in 1857 the veteran's brother Abraham Livingston and his wife were both deceased; their son Joseph, was living near Cotton Gin Mississippi in 1857.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.66 commencing March 4th, 1831 for 7 months and 12 days service in the revolution. His widow was pensioned in a like amount. Her pension was increased to \$41.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County April 4th 1783} Know all Men by these Presence that I Henrey Livingston do Bargain and Sell [Sale] the Chance of my Negro that I was to draw from South Carolina for the tour of ten Months which I served under the Command of General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] Colonel William Hill's Regiment of Light Dragoons and in Captain James giels [James Giles'] Troop and I do here By Certify that I Never sold nor [paper damaged and text obliterated] but John Kirkpatrick and I do hereby assign over My Right and title of the Negro or any other property drawn from South Carolina or else Where for the said Service unto John Kirkpatrick or his Heirs Executors or assigns for Value Received as Witness My hand this day and year above written

Witness present

S/ Abraham Livingston

S/ Jms Giles

S/ Samuel Hutchison

S/ Henery Liviston

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Liviston". The ink is dark and the background is slightly textured.

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I Sign all my Right and title of the within Bill of Seal [Sale] to Captain James Giles

S/ John Killpatrick

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Killpatrick". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.